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## TECOLOTE COPPER COMPANY.

### Preparing to Install a Great Reduction Plant at Camp Northwest From Carbo.

Sunday morning there was at Nogales, coming from Carbo, the special Pullman Car "Rainbow," conveying a party of directors and shareholders in the Tecolote Copper Company, who were returning to their homes in Providence, Rhode Island and New York City, from a visit of nearly a week at the Tecolote camp, about forty miles northwest from Carbo, where they had been making an inspection of development, and to make provision for erection and installation of improvements and machinery necessary for operation on an extensive scale. From Nogales the party went to Cananea and passed a day there, going out via Naco on Monday.

The party were Mr. and Mrs. Burlingame, Mr. Charles Kittredge, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eustace, Mr. Hancock, Mr. Potter, Mr. Collingwood and Captain Latham of Providence, and Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum of New York. They went to Carbo the 10th inst., and remained out at the camp from the 11th to the 16th.

A part of the object of the visit of the party to the camp at this time was to provide for a reduction plant, and a railway to the gulf coast to transport matte to tide-water, and to take into the camp all the necessary supplies, coke, timber, machinery, etc. A railway sixty miles in length will connect the camp with a good harbor on the gulf shore, near Tiburon Island. The reduction plant agreed on will have a daily capacity of 1,000 tons, and will be by electric concentration and smelting process. Both the railway and the reduction plant will be constructed in the shortest time possible, and construction work will begin immediately. Railway construction will be provided first, probably in order to furnish cheap and economical transportation for the machinery for the reduction plant.

The Tecolote Copper Company has developed an immense body of zinc-copper ore, which is sixty feet in width and yielding ores that run 4% copper and 18% zinc. In the mineral holdings of the company are included some 500 pertenencias of mineral lands. Other holdings ten miles distant, and at another point near the gulf coast give the company immense areas of fine mineral lands. Camps are to be established right away to develop those properties. Mr. Berckefeldt, a veteran mining engineer, with many years' experience in Sonora, is local manager. Mr. W. B. Duval is general manager.

### Board of Supervisors.

The new Board of Supervisors of Santa Cruz County organized Thursday of last week by election of Hon. A. S. Henderson of Patagonia, chairman.

Friday the board met and transacted considerable business. In the matter of the appointment of a

county health and sanitary officer, the board elected Doctor W. F. Chenoweth to the position. The clerk of the board was instructed to notify Doctor A. C. Kingsley the retiring health officer to turn over to Doctor Chenoweth the books and other property of the county.

The salary of night watchman at the jail was fixed at \$60, and the appointment to that office of Watt Gittins was approved.

The salary of the jailer (deputy sheriff) was fixed at \$75 per month. The experts, Messrs. Cronin and Faulds, who are examining the county books were instructed to check back only to the last check. And a specific instruction as to their compensation was made of record.

The temporary bonds given by county officers as approved by the chairman of the retiring board were approved. And the permanent bond of Sheriff W. S. McKnight was presented and approved. The bond R. R. Earhart as County Treasurer was also approved.

The board then adjourned to meet March 5th.

### Jail Escape at Magdalena.

Reports from Magdalena are to the effect that through complicity of a guard at that place on Friday of last week there occurred a general jail delivery, some thirty-six prisoners, including six Yaquis taken when smuggling arms into Mexico. As the story goes among the details sent from the camp stationed there was a soldier who was given the detail as a punishment for some minor offence, and he was sore. That was discovered by a trusty, who had the run of the town, but was awaiting only a good opportunity to get away. The trusty worked the guard to enter into a conspiracy to make a general delivery of the prisoner, and the plan worked to a charm. At the noon hour the disgruntled guard was at the jail door, while five other guards were taking their dinner. The trusty and the one disloyal guard overpowered the turnkey, took away the keys and turned loose everybody, all the prisoners going right to the armory and each helping himself to a gun with two or three belts of cartridges, taking also the gun of the five guards who were eating their dinner, they having gone foolishly to the table unarmed. As the escaping party left the jail enclosure and made for the railway track, near at hand a guard in a sentry box on the wall opened fire which was returned, but no one was hit. As soon as the escaping party got some distance out of town they dispersed, going in different directions. It is reported that times were lively in Magdalena for a few minutes. Whether any of the escapes have been taken and returned to the jail is not reported.

Monday Nogales was visited by a trio of Tucson lawyers, former Attorney General John B. Wright, S. L. Pattee and Frank E. Curley, who came to attend the sale of the Nogales Gas Company's property.

## NOGALES GAS COMPANY.

### Property Sold Under Court Order, for Six Thousand Dollars. Includes Franchises and All Holdings.

Pursuant to an order of the district court, and after due advertisement, the property, plant, franchise and all holdings of the Nogales Gas Company, which had been in the hands of a receiver during the past year, or more, were sold in front of the court house door Monday morning, by Mr. John B. Wright Esq., of Tucson, who had been attorney for the receiver, and was named in the judgment entered in the case as special master to conduct the sale. There were present very few spectators, and there were but two bidders, Messrs. Frank E. Curley Esq., of Tucson, who was counsel for John W. Moore of Toledo, Ohio, who was intervenor in the case, and Mr. S. L. Pattee, of Tucson, who was counsel for the Gas Company. The bidding was not at all spirited. After the special master had read the notice of the sale and made a few preliminary remarks he asked for bids for the property. Mr. Pattee responded with a bid of \$3,000, which Mr. Curley followed with a bid of \$4,000. Then Mr. Pattee made a raise of another \$1,000, and after a moment's deliberation Mr. Curley bid \$6,000. Mr. Pattee declined to go any higher, and the property was sold to Mr. Curley for the amount of his bid. Yesterday in the Superior Court, Judge Duffy presiding, the sale was confirmed.

After payment of costs and charges the money realized will be apportioned to claimants in the cases against the Gas Company which were at issue in the district court, wherein judgments were granted in December, and the holders of the bonds. Of the latter there are out about \$27,000. The actual cash value of the property is about \$25,000.

### "Made a Getaway."

Saturday afternoon there was a small sized excitement at the international line over the escape of a political prisoner, a man named Ignacio Romero, who had been incarcerated some months in the Sonora side for participation in a disturbance of some sort near Cananea. He states that his home is at Douglas, and his family reside there. He is a man of some means with a bank account. He had been permitted to go to the Banco de Sonora under guard several times to arrange for a transfer of money. First he made a draft, and several times afterward he was allowed to go to see if the draft had been honored. Saturday it had, and he received the money. At the same time his guard had relaxed the usual vigilance, and instead of accompanying him inside the bank awaited him outside of the door. When he got his money, which took him a long time, he came away, and he "came a running" shooting between the surprised guards, who took after him in great haste, straight for American soil and freedom, only forty feet

away from the door of the bank. Right at the line the man stopped and fell, with his personality yet in Sonora. Had the guards have been spry they might have caught hold of him and made good the security of their prisoner; but they were not sufficiently quick witted and they let the opportunity slip. Not so with the escape. He was equal to the emergency, and he rolled himself across the line, keeping up the rolling act until was a rod or more in side of the United States, when he arose to his feet. One of the guards, who had followed and passed him, attempted to drive the escape back into Mexico, but the amused spectators called to him to desist and get back upon his own soil, which he did.

In the scramble the escape lost his hat, and it lay in the street on the Sonora side of the line. Two or three well intentioned parties, one after another, volunteered to go and get it, but a menacing gesture with a gun in the hands of an irate guard served in each case to cause the officious party to desist. So the man went his way, going to one of the hotels and registering there, incidentally stopping at the El Paso store and buying himself a new hat.

### Remains of Grindell.

Mr. Hugo Von Berckefeldt, local manager for the Tecolote Copper Company, who has returned recently from a trip out to the gulf coast and Tiburon Island, where he reports he made the acquaintance of the chief and others of the Seris Indians, and found them all a hospitable and kindly people.

Mr. Von Berckefeldt informed THE OASIS that the chief stated that on the mainland, opposite Tiburon Island, a boy of the tribe had found in a cave the skeleton of a man with good clothing and a lot of papers, and from the description given the gentleman thinks it may be the remains of Mr. Thomas Grindell or one of the ill fated exploring party which went with Grindell out in the wilds toward Tiburon Island and perished, one only of the party reaching Guaymas after many days of peril and hardship, and in an insane condition of mind. The chief told Mr. Von Berckefeldt that the bones of the skeleton are all intact, and the clothing in good condition. The cave is well known to the Indians now, and there would be no difficulty in finding a guide to take one right to it.

### Railway Officials on Tour of Inspection.

Tuesday evening there passed Nogales, en route to Tepic on a tour of inspection of the newly built line into that city, Colonel Epes Randolph, president of the Southern Pacific of Mexico, and Mr. Julius H. Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance of way and operation of all the Harriman lines. At the international line the party was joined by Mr. H. J. Temple, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific of Mexico.

Saturday night the Nogales base ball aggregation went to Guaymas after wool, and returned home shorn Wednesday morning.